(e) All archival material in the custody of NFAI is stored on safety (acetate) base in NFAI's vaults where temperature and humidity are controlled. The films kept in the vaults are subjected to periodic checking to monitor their condition and modern preservation techniques are applied to prevent deterioration in the quality of the prints.

Violation of Cable Network (Regulation) Act, 1995

568. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cable operators registered under the Cable Doordarshan Network (Regulation) Act, 1995 as on date, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases registered for violation of this Act in the country, till date, during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken against the cable operators found guilty, particularly for over charging the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, all cable operators are required to register themselves with the Head Post Masters of their areas of operation. The Act provides for Authorised Officers, which include, District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Commissioner of Police, within their local limits of jurisdiction, and other officers notified by Central Government or State Governments to take action against cable operators for violations of the provisions of the Act. No centralized database of the total number of registered cable operators and cases registered for violations, is being maintained.

(c) The subscription fees charged by the cable operators is at present market driven commercial arrangement between the subscriber, cable operators and the pay channels. Under the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment Act 2002, the Central Government may specify the maximum amount which a cable operator may demand from the subscribers for receiving the programmes transmitted in the basic service tier (free-to-air channels). However, there is no provisions to regulate the charges for pay channels, which would

be transmitted through an addressable system. These provisions, when implemented, would benefit the consumer since he would pay only for those channels which he watches.

Outstanding dues of the advertising agencies in Kolkata Doordarshan and AIR

569. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of outstanding dues of the advertising agencies in Kolkata Doordarshan and AIR;

(b) the names of the ten topmost defaulters; and

(c) the amount outstanding against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that the amount outstanding against advertising agencies in respect of Kolkata Doordarshan Kendra and AIR station are Rs. 1360 lakhs and Rs. 11.81 lakhs (as on 31.1.2003) respectively. The list of top ten defaulters are as under:

AIR (as on 31.1.2003):

(Rupees in thousand)

S.No.	Name of Agency	Amount outstanding
1.	DAVP	630.17
2.	Delcom Advertising	61.50
3.	Redifussion DY &R(P) Ltd.	71.40
4.	Maa Communication Bozel Ltd.	69.87
5.	HTA	26.35
6.	Swarlipi	21.36
7.	Arohi Advertising	15.55
8.	Everest Advertising	13.96
9.	Madhyam Advertising	13.39
10.	Noisy Recording Centre	11.56